

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THIRTY (30) COLLEGE CREDIT ROUTE  
TO A STATE-ISSUED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA  
NEW JERSEY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (6:30)**

In order for an individual to apply and qualify for a State-Issued high school diploma a candidate must be a New Jersey resident and age 16 and above and complete the following requirements:

- **Statewide Assessment Test**  
Documentation of passing scores on the statewide assessment test (**MBS, HSPT9, HSPT 11 or HSPA**) must be presented.
- **Transcript**  
An official transcript, including at least thirty (30) general education credits leading to a degree at an accredited institution of higher education must be presented. An official transcript has an original raised seal of the institution. The thirty (30) general education credits must include a minimum of 15 credits with at least three credits in each of the five general education categories as follows: communications, mathematics, science, social science; and humanities. **Remedial courses will not satisfy the requirement in the five general education categories:**
  1. **COMMUNICATIONS** – courses designed to enhance facility in the English language
  2. **MATHEMATICS** – courses designed to enhance mathematical conceptual understanding and application including computer science.
  3. **SCIENCE** – courses designed to enhance scientific conceptual understanding and application.
  4. **SOCIAL SCIENCE** - courses designed to promote social awareness, including understanding social, economic and political problems and the responsibilities of citizenship in an interdependent world; and
  5. **HUMANITIES** – courses in literacy, philosophical, foreign language, historical, aesthetic, or other humanistic studies to promote the understanding and transmission of values to one’s own and other cultures.
- **Application Form**  
An application can be obtained by writing to the New Jersey State Department of Education, Office of Vocational-Technical, Career and Adult Programs, Bureau of Adult Education & Family Literacy, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500.
- **Verification of Age and Withdrawal from School**  
Documentation of age and withdrawal from school must be presented by individuals who are 16 and 17 years of age.
- **Fees**  
There are no fees required to apply for a New Jersey State–issued high school diploma through the Thirty College Credit route.

**All of the above must be forwarded to the New Jersey State Department of Education, Office of Career & Technical Education, Bureau of Adult Education and Family Literacy/GED, P.O. Box 500, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500, Attn: Mr. Robert M. Berezny, GED Administrator. For inquiries, please contact (609) 777-1050.**